

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Richard DUBETTIER-GERNIER, et al.  
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Title: Method for Renovating a Combined Blast Furnace and Air/Gas Separation Unit System  
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Examiner: Tima Michele MCGUTHRY-BANKS  
Docket No.: Serie 6501  
Customer No.: 40582

**SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is a supplemental response to the non-final Office Action mailed September 3, 2008. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the following amendments and/or remarks:

**Amendments to the Specification** are not contained in this paper.

**Amendment to the Claims** are not contained in this paper.

**Amendment to the Drawings** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.